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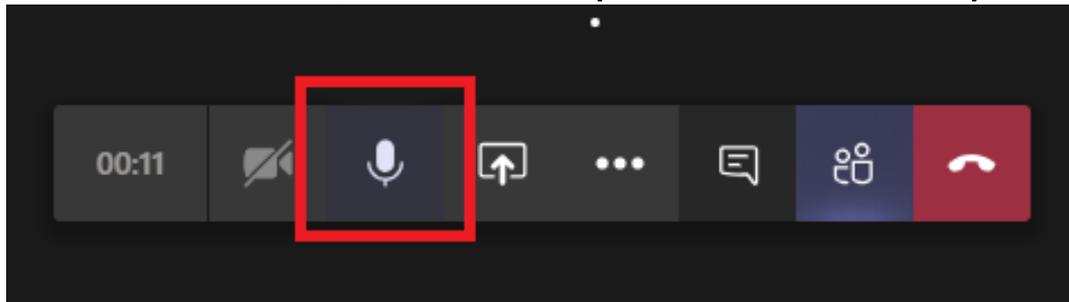
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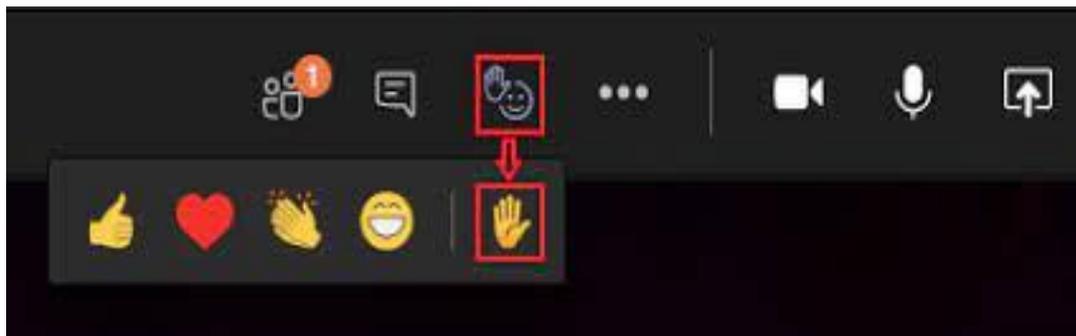
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# Housekeeping

- How to Mute/Unmute (Ctrl+ Shift+ M):

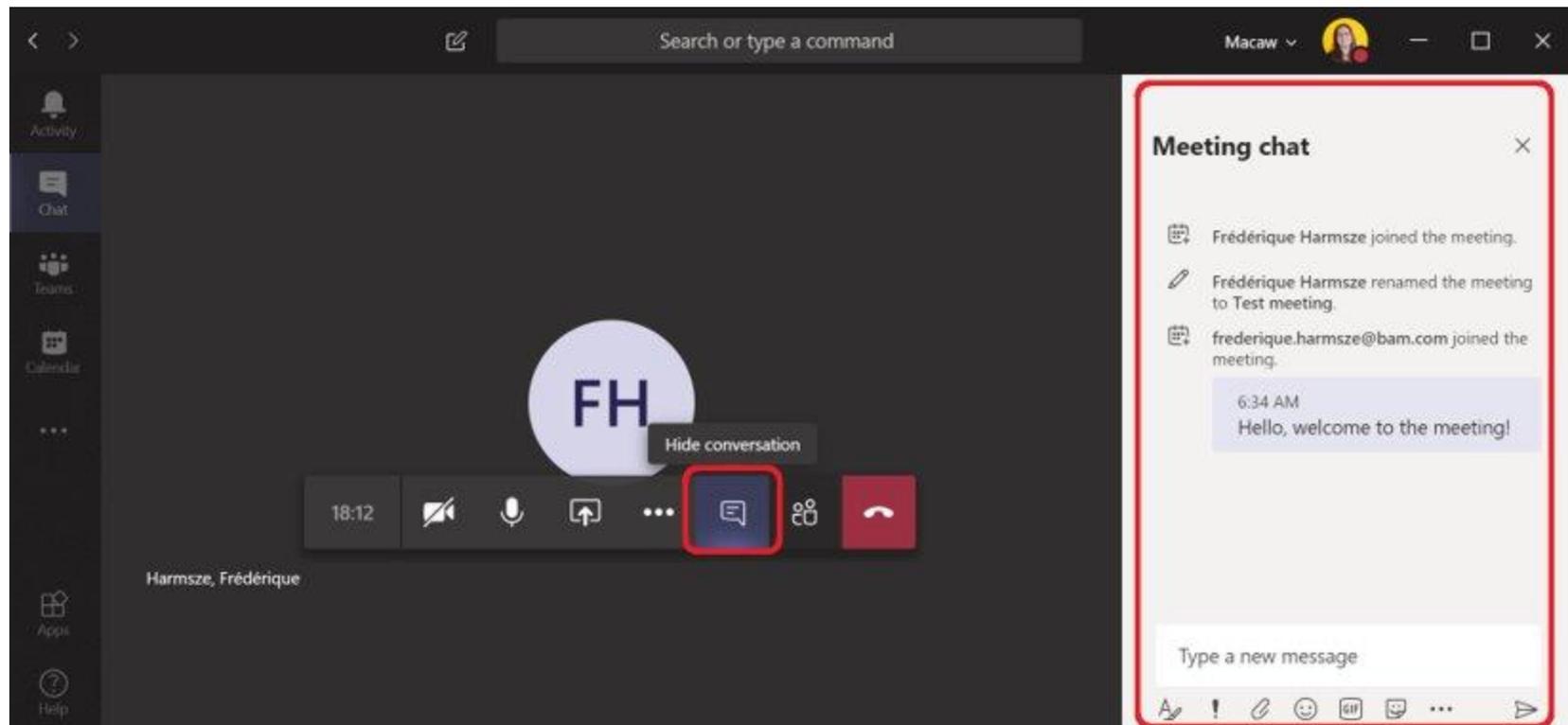


- How to Raise Hand:



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- How to use chat:





# Reminder

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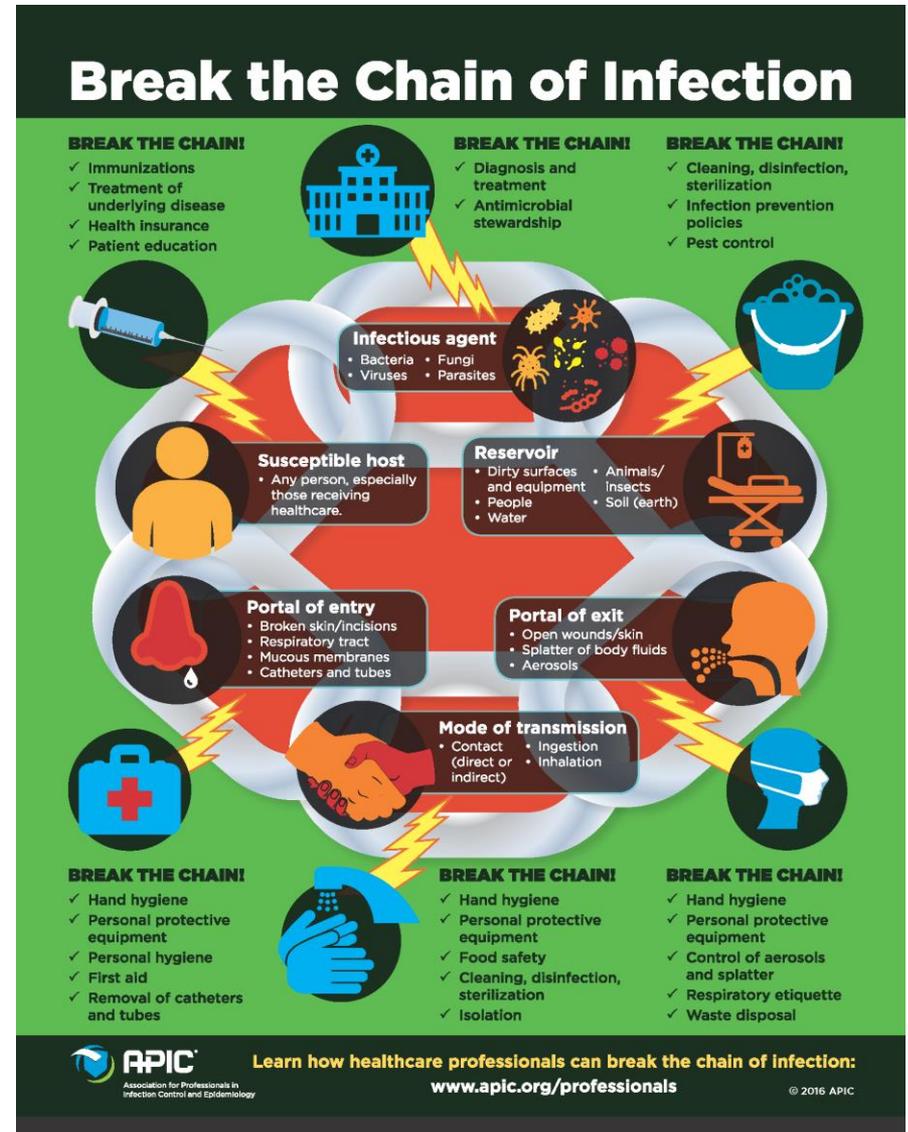


# Objectives

- Review **Antimicrobial Stewardship**
- Discuss **link between antimicrobial stewardship and infection prevention**
- Review CDC's **Core Elements** of Antibiotic Stewardship
- Review the **role of nursing staff** in Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Foster discussion among LA County Skilled Nursing Facilities about infection control practices

# Why discuss Antimicrobial Stewardship during Ask an IP?

Antimicrobial Stewardship breaks the chain of Infection!





## Antibiotic vs Antimicrobial

### What is an **antibiotic**?

- A drug that kills or stops the growth of bacteria.
- Antibiotics are a type of antimicrobial.
- Penicillin and ciprofloxacin are examples of antibiotics.

(<https://www.cdc.gov/narms/resources/glossary.html>)

### What is an **antimicrobial**?

- A substance, such as an antibiotic, that kills or stops the growth of microbes, including bacteria, fungi, or viruses.
- Antimicrobials are grouped according to the microbes they act against (antibiotics, antifungals, and antivirals).
- Also referred to as drugs.

# What goes into an Antibiotic Stewardship Program?

8 Elements of ASP
Leadership commitment
Accountability
Drug Expertise
Action
Diagnosis
Tracking
Reporting
Education

- <https://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/pdfs/core-elements-antibiotic-stewardship-checklist.pdf>

# Patient Safety Must be Prioritized

## Facilities work together to protect patients.

### Common Approach *(Not enough)*

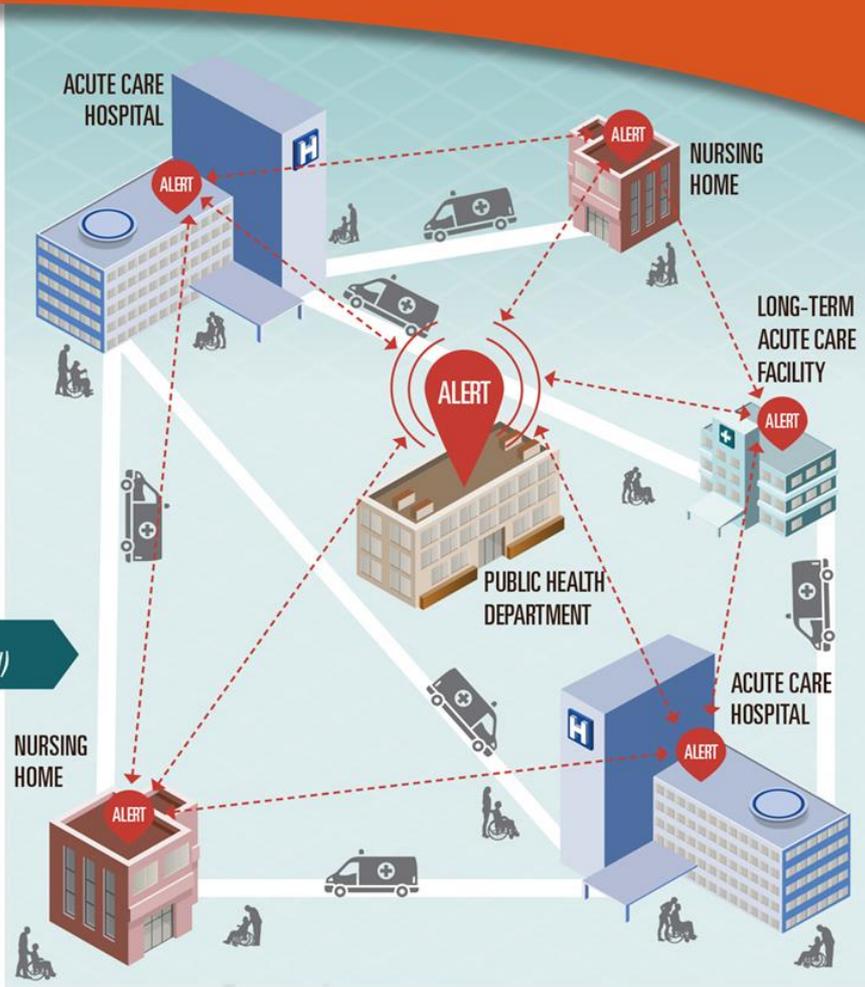
- Patients can be transferred back and forth from facilities for treatment without all the communication and necessary infection control actions in place.

### Independent Efforts *(Still not enough)*

- Some facilities work independently to enhance infection control but are not often alerted to antibiotic-resistant or *C. difficile* germs coming from other facilities or outbreaks in the area.
- Lack of shared information from other facilities means that necessary infection control actions are not always taken and germs are spread to other patients.

### Coordinated Approach *(Needed)*

- Public health departments track and **alert** health care facilities to antibiotic-resistant or *C. difficile* germs coming from other facilities and outbreaks in the area.
- Facilities and public health authorities share information and implement shared infection control actions to stop spread of germs from facility to facility.





# Infectious Organism Transfer Form

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
**Infectious Organism Transfer Form**

Use this form for all patient transfers between facilities.  
This form is not intended to be used as criteria for admission. On transfer, please include all positive lab results that pertain to this form.

Patient Label Here

Patient Name:		
DOB:	MRN:	Transfer Date:
Receiving Facility (RF):		
RF Contact Name:		RF Contact Phone:
Sending Facility (SF):		
SF Contact Name:		SF Contact Phone:

**Precautions**

Check all appropriate Isolation Precautions:  Airborne  Contact  Droplet  Standard

Personal protective equipment (PPE) recommended:

				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gown	<input type="checkbox"/> Mask	<input type="checkbox"/> N 95/PAPR	<input type="checkbox"/> Eye Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves

**Organisms**  NONE IDENTIFIED

Organism(s) Identified	Specimen Source	Collection Date	Status: Colonization, History, Infection, Rule-Out
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>C. auris</b> (Candida auris)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>C. diff</b> (Clostridioides difficile)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CRE</b> (Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MDR Gram negatives:</b> (e.g. Acinetobacter, Pseudomonas)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MRSA</b> (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>VRE</b> (vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other, specify:</b> (e.g. COVID-19, flu, lice, norovirus, scabies, TB, VRSA, etc.)			

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# Programming

Session	Date (2021)	Covered Topics
Week 1	Wednesday, Sept 22nd	Antimicrobial Stewardship
Week 2 (Today!)	Wednesday, Sept 29th	Office Hours
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Wednesday, Oct 6th</b>	<b>Disease Surveillance</b>
Week 4	Wednesday, Oct 13th	Office Hours
Week 5	Wednesday, Oct 20th	Outbreak Investigation
Week 6	Wednesday, Oct 27th	Office Hours
Week 7	Wednesday, Nov 3rd	Regulatory Bodies
Week 8	Wednesday, Nov 10th	Office Hours
Week 9	Wednesday, Nov 17th	Communication, Education and Advocacy
<del>Week 10</del>	<del>Wednesday, Nov 24th</del>	Week of Thanksgiving (off)
Week 11	Wednesday, Dec 1st	Office Hours
Week 12	Wednesday, Dec 8th	Professional Development, Resources and Other IP Settings
Week 13	Wednesday, Dec 15th	Office Hours



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# Questions

